

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Final Action mailed November 21, 2005. In order to advance prosecution of the Application, Claims 1 and 15 have been amended. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action for this Application.

The Abstract stands objected to for improper language and format. The Abstract has been amended to provide proper language and format. For the convenience of the Examiner, attached herewith is a replacement page showing a clean version of the amended Abstract.

Claims 1 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bux, et al. in view of Brueckheimer, et al. Independent Claims 1 and 15 have been amended to recite the feature identified by the Examiner in allowed Claims 2 and 16 as being distinguishable over the prior art so that this Application can proceed to issuance. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1 and 15 are patentably distinct from the proposed Bux, et al. - Brueckheimer, et al. combination.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of Claims 2-14 and 16-28.

This Response to Examiner's Final Action is necessary to address the new grounds of rejection and newly cited art in support thereof and to place all claims into condition for allowance. This Response to Examiner's Final Action could not have been presented earlier as the Examiner has only now provided the current grounds of rejection and the current indication of how the claims in this Application would be allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for immediate allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other apparent reasons, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all pending claims.

No additional fee is believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees and/or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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